


8th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CAROTENOIDS

BOSTON/27-31/JULY 1987

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Dear Dr. Sommers:

Over the last twenty years, a group of chemists and biologists interested in carotenoid pigments have met on a triennial basis to hold international symposia to report on and discuss the latest developments in this field. We have met in Munich, FRG in 1984, Liverpool, UK in 1981, Madison, WI in 1978, Berne, Switzerland in 1975, Cluj, Romania in 1972, Las Cruces, NM in 1969 and Trondheim, Norway in 1966. During the last few years, an important new area has developed which has shifted some of the emphasis at these meetings from chemistry and biology to nutrition, public health and medicine. I am referring to the studies that have been reported in the literature strongly suggesting that carotenoid pigments function as anticarcinogenic compounds as well as protecting against phototoxicity. As Chairman of the next International Symposium on Carotenoids that will be held in Boston from July 26-31, 1987, I am writing to you to seek support from your organization for this meeting.

Knowing of the interest of your organization in public health and in cancer, we have invited Dr. Vincent F. Lisanti to attend this meeting. I have had the pleasure of attending prior meetings in areas related to free-radicals and cancer and chemoprevention with both Dr. Lisanti and Dr. David Stone of your scientific staff.

One day of the symposium will be devoted to areas that I believe are of great interest to the Council for Tobacco Research. This will include the Nutritional and Medical aspects of carotenoid pigments. In particular, we will be focusing on food sources of carotenoids, the bioavailability of carotene in man, the anticarcinogenic effects of carotenoids in model systems, experimental animals and, in particular, in human intervention studies, and the relationship between carotenoids and the immune system. I am enclosing the final draft of our program.

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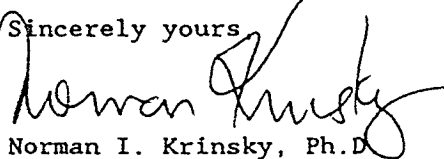
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Our request for support by the Council for Tobacco Research comes at a very late time. However, our original budget of \$55,000 was to be met by commercial sources (\$23,000), NIH, (\$24,000) and the Food and Drug Administration (\$8,000). We will have a short fall of \$12,000 from NIH and the FDA has been unable to make a commitment to our meeting. As such, we are going outside of these groups to foundations and organizations that would be interested in the content of this meeting. I would greatly appreciate if it would be possible for the Council for Tobacco Research to make a \$3,000 contribution to help support this meeting, in particular our Thursday program. I believe the meeting will prove to be extremely successful in terms of bringing together chemists, biologists, biochemists and clinicians to address a variety of problems related to carotenoid pigments. We have already received 180 registrants for the meeting representing 23 countries so that it will be truly international in scope.

If you have any further questions, please contact me directly at (617) 956-6861. Your help will of course be appropriately acknowledged by the organizing committee.

Sincerely yours,



Norman I. Krinsky, Ph.D.

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Enclosure

cc: V. Lisanti, D.M.D.